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In re Application of: Nezar A. Gharbia et al.  
Serial No.: 09/658,823  
Filing Date: September 8, 2000  
Group Art Unit: 2152  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENHANCING  
RELIABILITY OF AUTOMATED DATA PROCESSING

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**REQUEST FOR STATUS**

Please advise the status of the above-identified patent application. The application was filed on September 8, 2000 and the Filing Receipt was received November 1, 2000. Applicants filed a Request for Status on February 28, 2002 and by Status Reply Letter dated June 27, 2002 were informed that it would be more than 15 months before the application would receive a first office action. Applicants again filed a Request for Status on November 4, 2003 and did not receive a reply. Applicants filed another Request for Status on April 3, 2004. By Status Reply letter dated May 21, 2004 Applicants were notified that it would be 0-3 months before the application would first be examined.

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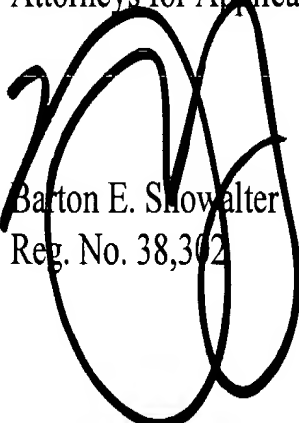
Applicants filed a Request for Status on October 13, 2004 and again on March 23, 2005 and have not yet received a reply. Applicants continue to await a first office action.

REMARKS

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.702(a)(1), it has been over fourteen months since the filing date of this Application and a Notification under 35 U.S.C. § 132 has not been received. Thus, a period of adjustment of patent term due to examination delay is accruing in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)(1).

If there are any matters that can be cleared up through a telephone conversation, please contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number listed below.

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